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## Hollywood-P. V. Parkway Is Saved By 142 Ft. Compromise

(Continued from Page 1) are not interested in just another road, but they are anxious to aid in building a parkway which would be an outstanding attraction to the entire Southland and enhance the value of their property. But the parkway must be outstanding enough to produce results, Mr. Lawyer stated.

The property owners within the city limits of Torrance but outside of the closely built-up portions of the original Torrance Tract all are in favor of the 225 foot parkway, Mr. Lawyer stated. He referred to the opposition of the O. T. Johnson interests to the north of Torrance, by stating that the Johnsons are chronic objectors and should not be given as much consideration as property owners now within the city limits of Torrance.

P. V. Wants 225 Foot "Palos Verdes feels that it is not interested in just another road, and for this reason it would not be willing to assume as large a part

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of the assessment on the 125 foot parkway as it would of the original 225 foot parkway project. We do not feel that the 125 foot road would be of material benefit, but we would be willing to assume some assessment if it goes through, but not to extent of \$400,000 agreed upon for the 225 foot parkway," said the speaker. Mr. Lawyer gave \$100,000 as the approximate assessment that Palos Verdes would be willing to accept under the 125 foot parkway, and stated that this \$100,000 assessment would be accepted, not because Palos Verdes felt it would be materially benefited, but just because "we want to be good neighbors."

"Communities are not unlike individuals. They must grasp opportunities when they present themselves," pleaded, Mr. Lawyer. "I believe that the parkway program is a real opportunity and we should profit by it."

**Arguments on Cost**  
Mr. Lawyer and Mr. Leonard then argued the several items of cost. Leonard challenged an excessive item of \$437,000 for landscaping, which amount to \$40 per lineal foot, he said. He also questioned the matter of allowing the Alondra Park district to be assessed at \$12 per acre when the acreage in Torrance was charged \$129 per acre. Mr. Lawyer argued that the cost of the 225 foot parkway less the million dollar assessment accepted by Palos Verdes would cost tax payers in Torrance less than the 125 foot roadway without the donation by Palos Verdes.

Sam Levy reminded Mr. Lawyer that all Torrance needed was a 40 foot boulevard, but "to be good to Palos Verdes we have raised it to 125 feet. If Palos Verdes will only give \$100,000 toward the 125 foot parkway, then I would be in favor of reverting to a 60 foot road," said Mr. Levy.

Mr. Lawyer countered that such a plan would be all right with him if that was what the people of Torrance wanted. He added that he would agree to the 125 foot roadway through the built-up sections of Torrance.

Walter Braunschweiler, vice-president of the Bank of Italy, and a member of the Palos Verdes committee, pleaded for the opposing interests to take advantage of the unusual situation and pointed out the advantages to be derived from the parkway.

**Lomita Assessments**  
The question of assessments to property owners in Lomita was discussed. Mr. Leonard stated that under the 225 foot parkway, it was proposed to assess Lomita property owners 15 per cent of their assessed valuation, which would amount to \$480,000. Under the plan of assessment for the 125 foot parkway, the total assessment on Lomita property would be only \$10,000 or approximately one-third of one per cent.

**Torrance Assessments**  
Assessments against Torrance property for the 125 foot parkway will vary from \$18 per lot to \$8 per lot, according to proximity to the parkway, and benefits derived, Leonard stated. The assessments outside of the original Torrance Tract and within the city limits of Torrance will be approximately \$5000 per acre, according to the City Engineer's plan.

**Compromise**  
Just as the opposing factions seemed hopelessly deadlocked, a compromise plan was suggested that met the approval of both the Torrance and Palos Verdes groups. The compromise parkway plan utilizes the general lay-out of the 125 foot project, but broadens the planting units. Two 36 foot paved roadways are flanked by 17 1/2 foot side planting spaces and separated by a 35 foot planting space, under the proposed compromise plan. Details of the compromise plan are to be left to a committee of engineers including Torrance City Engineer Frank Leonard, County Surveyor John Rockhold and his assistant Alred Jones, and Mr. Gibbs of the firm of Olmsted Brothers, representing the Palos Verdes Estates.

No definite date has been set for the meeting of the engineers, but it is expected that they will convene within a week and report back to the joint committee from Torrance and Palos Verdes within a fortnight.

**AMBITIOUS**  
Police received a report Saturday noon that a hay mower had been stolen from the Weston Ranch at Walteria.

## Firestone Claims Mileage Record



Dan Lohnes and record-making tires

Dan Lohnes, trucking contractor, Co. local Firestone dealer, fall to show any other instance where three tires on one truck had ever achieved such remarkable mileage as reported by Lohnes.

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## State Picnics

### NEW ENGLANDERS

Under the auspices of the New England States Society there will be a great picnic reunion of all former New Englanders all day, Friday, May 30th, Decoration Day, with appropriate patriotic program of song and oratory opening at two o'clock. It will be held in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, with basket dinners at noon, coffee, baked beans and maple syrup provided. Community singing will include patriotic and old-time songs. Registers will be open for every county in the six states, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

### NEW DATE FOR KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, ARKANSAS PICNIC

All who ever lived in either Kentucky, Tennessee or Arkansas are wanted at the picnic rally all day Saturday, May 31st, in Sycamore Grove Park. All the attractions will be staged and each state will have its own section and will open county registers.



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